

2009 CERT GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Assess and evaluate all CERT training, Work Groups and Districts programs, activities, efforts and results relative to their respective missions, goals and objectives as provided by CEMA and provide all results directly to CEMA by Dec
2. Conduct a minimum of 8 CERT Initial Training Courses
3. Hold one large training/educational/social event open to all members
4. Conduct one skills district-based training/exercise for each district
5. Offer a minimum of one new skills sustainment course available to all members
6. Hold a minimum of 6 meetings for each district
7. Train additional VSAR members as vacancies are identified
8. Instruct Basic Search and Rescue Course available to all members
9. Organize and manage Disaster Preparedness Train the Trainer Forums
10. Publish a minimum of 3 Newsletters
11. Monitor and increase participation on CERT Discussion Board
12. Conduct Threat and Risk Assessments in each District
13. Develop a retention program
14. Develop an amateur radio communication plan, including CERT

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

5. **Historical data was captured through the tracking of CERT volunteers hours by the Analysis & Evaluation WG.**

- 10,337—hours donated to support flood assistance
- 4,206—hours to support CERT initial training
- 904—hours donated to skills sustainment training
- 959—hours were donated by WG's
- 1,555—hours were donated to the district program
- 3,299—other

❖ **21,260-Total hours contributed**

6. **Cobb EMA held nine initial training sessions in 2009, including a CERT class of high school students. One evening course was held in each of the four Commissioner Districts; two day courses, and two weekend courses were held. A total of 180 individuals were CERT trained.**

- Class 57—Ford Center (Saturday)
- Class 58—Sandy Plains Baptist Church (day)
- Class 59—Acworth Police Department (evening)
- Class 59b-Harrison CERT Class (evening)
- Class 60—St. James Episcopal Church (day)
- Class 61—St. James Episcopal Church (evening)
- Class 62—Mt. Paran North Church (evening)
- Class 63—Smyrna Fire Department (Saturday)
- Class 64—Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (evening)

7. **Cobb EMA hosted its first CERT Rally on September 19, 2009 at the Public Safety Training Center to assess the skill level of the membership. Eighty-four members participated. Below is a list of the various stations:**

- Activation Response
- Written Test
- Backpack Readiness
- Storm Spotter
- Moulage
- Parking Assistance
- Accountability
- Damage/Infrastructure Assessment
- Quick Triage
- Field Search & Rescue
- Fire Structure
- Medical Operations

Educational Sessions

- Disaster Preparedness Presenters
- Food Preparedness
- Technology Training

4. ***The Education WG partnered with the District Leaders to conduct a Step-One Drill in each district. This realistic exercise includes CERT role player victims and allocates limited time for CERT responders to assess the situation according to their training. The goal of the exercise is aimed at teaching the CERT responders the necessity of following procedures, working in teams, and protecting themselves at all times.***
 - Districts 4& 7—Step One Drill—4/25/09
 - Districts 1,5 &6—Step One Drill—8/29/09
 - District 2—Pilot Program Step One Drill—11/15/08
 - Districts 3, 8 & 9 will hold a drill in 2010
5. ***Eleven (11) Skills Sustainment sessions were held in 2009. Two new courses were offered, Identification and Treatment I& 2. A total of 213 members participated***
 - Identification and Treatment I***
 - 22 on 2/21/09
 - 23 on 3/21/09
 - 18 on 4/4/09
 - 19 on 4/18/09
 - 23 on 5/9/09
 - 23 on 5/23/09
 - Identification and Treatment II***
 - 22 on 8/15/09
 - 22 on 8/29/09
 - 9/29/09 cancelled class due to floods
 - 22 on 11/7/09
 - 19 on 11/14/09
 - ❖ **Total participated in skills sustainment —213**
6. ***The CERT District Leaders meetings***
 - District 1 met on 1/15, 2/7, 3/12, 4/16, 6/11, 8/29
 - District 2 met on 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19,
 - District 3 met on 4/7/09, 5/5,6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3
 - District 4 met on 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15
 - District 5 met on 2/11, 4/8, 6/10, 8/29, 10/14, 12/9
 - District 6 met on 4/9/09, 5/21/09, 8/13, 8/29
 - District 7 met on 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 7/28, 12/15
 - District 8 met on 2/26, 8/19, 11/9, 9/17
 - District 9 met on 1/10, 2/21, 5/9, 6/13
7. ***The VSAR WG trained & added 13 additional members. VASR also trained 41 CERT members in Basic Search and Rescue Courses.***
 - 26 trained on 7/25/09
 - 15 trained on 8/22/09
8. ***Seven (7) CERT volunteers were trained as Disaster Preparedness Presenters during the CERT Rally held on 9/19/09.***

9. *Communications were enhanced among members through distribution of the CERT Newsletters distributed in June 2009.*
11. *Researching possible implementation of other social media in 2010. Members are voicing preference to utilize Twitter and Facebook rather than the Discussion Board.*
12. *On going training was provided on conducting a threat and risk assessments on July 23, 2009 during the combined leadership meeting.*
13. *Retention & Recognition Programs were developed for the membership and those in leadership roles.*
 - Recognition Program (Leadership)*
 - 1 year of service—portfolio
 - 2 years of service—plaque
 - 3 years of service—brief case
 - Retention Program (Longevity)*
 - Special Pins for 5 years & 10 years of service
 - Cobb EMA/CERT coins will be distributed for members that have participated in 25 events*
14. *A County- wide amateur radio communications plan is being developed, which will include CERT.*

*Events will be defined by CERT Leadership during the first quarter of 2010.